GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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EXPANSION AND UPGRADATION OF AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Airports that have been upgraded or expanded during the last three/years;

(b) whether the Government have undertaken a major expansion and upgradation exercise at major Airports particularly at Jodhpur;

(c) if so, by when International flights are likely to operate from Jodhpur;

(d) whether the Government propose to introduce more domestic flights particularly from Bilaspur; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a):-During the last three years, Airports Authority of India (AAI)has taken up major upgradation and expansion works at airports located in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Thiruvananthapuram, Agartala, Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Gaya, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Jammu, Kangra, Lucknow, Nagpur, Varanasi and Vishakhapatnam. In addition, AAIhas constructed a new Civil Enclave at Pathnkot and a new Civil Airport at Kargil.
(b) :- Expansion and upgradation of Airports, particularly upgradation of major airports, is a continuous exercise. Jodhpur airport belongs to Ministry of Defence, where AAImaintains a civil enclave. The work for expansion and modification of the terminal building to accommodate 400 passengers at a time at a cost of Rs.6 Crores has beencompleted in December, 1998. The departure hold area is fully air-conditioned and provision of a visitor`s gallery and a restaurant on first floor have also been made. AAI has also drawn plans to expand the civil apron and widen the taxi track to facilitate operation of AB-320 type of aircraft.
(c),(d) & (e):- Introduction of new flights are decided by the airlines based on their commercial judgement and operational viability.